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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING OCTOBER 16, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SECRETARY'S
SCHEDULE FOR THIS WHOLE NEW EXTENDED TRIP, AND SO FORTH?

A. I HAVE NOTHING DEFINITE. AS YOU KNOW, THE SECRETARY
SAID THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO THE MIDDLE EAST,
POSSIBLY IN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. I TALKED WITH HIM
THIS MORNING. NOTHING DEFINITE IS SET ON EXACTLY WHEN HE
WILL GO BACK TO THE AREA. HE WILL BE GOING BACK. AND WE
WILL JUST HAVE TO LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS THE DETAILS ARE
WORKED OUT.

Q. A QUESTION CAME UP AT THE U.N. WHERE ARAFAT IS EXPECTED
TO VISIT NOVEMBER 4TH, AND SOMEBODY FOR SOME REASON WANTS
TO KNOW WHETHER HE WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THE RESTRICTIONS
THAT ARE USUALLY APPLIED TO PEOPLE THAT THE U.S. DOESN'T
HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH, TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN
25 MILES, OR SOMETHING.

A. WELL, THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU ON THAT IS THAT
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ASKED BY COMPETENT UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATIONS TO APPEAR AND PROVIDE INFORMATION, ARE GIVEN
VISAS SO THAT THEY MAY COME TO NEW YORK FOR THAT PURPOSE.
AND I BELIEVE THERE IS A LONG HISTORY OF VARIOUS ORGANIZA-
TIONS SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM
AFRICA. THEY HAVE APPEARED BEFORE U.N. BODIES, AND MANY
OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

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Q. THAT IS REQUIRED BY THE HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT.

A. RIGHT. NOW, INsofar AS YOUR DIRECT QUESTION ON THE
25 MILE LIMIT, LET ME TAKE IT, AND I WILL POST IT. I JUST
DON'T HAVE IT.

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES REGARD THE RESUMPTION OF MILI-

TARY SUPPLIES BY THE SOVIET UNION TO EGYPT AS HARMFUL TO
THE INTERESTS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. I WOULD RATHER NOT GET INTO THIS HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.

Q. IT'S NOT HYPOTHETICAL.

A. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED IT IS RIGHT NOW. I DON'T HAVE
THE DETAILS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS INVOLVED. SO I WOULD
RATHER NOT COMMENT ON IT. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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